

IN THE SPECIFICATIONS

Please delete paragraph [0061] in its entirety. Applicants hereby withdraw their claims to priority to the earlier filed applications.

Please amend paragraph [0052] to read as follow:

ai [0052] The devices of the invention may also be dilation devices having pivots, with and without inflatable balloons. Examples of dilation devices 102 without balloons are shown in Figs. 5 and 6. Such mechanical devices 102 may be used together with balloon dilation devices 10 to form a tissue removal system 100. In addition, a tissue removal system 100 may include a tissue cutting device 60 and a dilation device 102. Fig. 5A is a perspective view of a dilation device 102 embodying features of the invention showing the device in a closed configuration partially enclosing the shaft of a tissue-cutting device 60. The tissue cutting devices shown in Figs. 5 and 6 have features described in co-pending applications Serial Nos. 09/057,303; 09/146,185; 09/159,467; 09/238,965; and 09/356,187, and 09/477,255 ~~named and~~ which are incorporated ~~supra~~ herein by reference. Thus, the tissue cutting devices 60 illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6 are effective to isolate a tissue mass 52 and to anchor the mass to the device 60.